



Response Under 37 CFR § 1.116
Expedited Procedure - Group 2624

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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

SHINGO NOZAWA, et al.

Application No.: 09/685,008

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For: **IMAGE ENCODING METHOD
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Examiner: W. Chen

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AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL REJECTION

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated August 26, 2004, please amend the above-identified application as follows: